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PRINCIPLES OF ORGANIZATION OF THE
NORTH CHINA PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT

Section 1

The North China People's Government shall be organized according to the provisions of these principles of organization.

Section 2

The North China People's Government Committee shall consist of one chairman, three vice-chairmen, and 39 members.

Section 3

The members of the North China People's Government Committee shall be elected by the present provisional and succeeding North China People's Assembly. The Chairman and Vice-Chairmen shall be elected by the North China People's Government Committee.

Section 4

The North China People's Government shall exercise general control over all political affairs in the North China region. It may issue decrees for the administration of the entire area. It may establish and put into effect ordinances and regulations based on the administrative policies and resolutions passed by the North China Provisional People's Assembly and the succeeding North China People's Assembly.

Section 5

The North China People's Government shall exercise its various functions, as indicated below, through the decisions of the North China People's Government Committee:

a. Functions provided for in Section 4

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- b. Put into effect the decisions of the North China Provisional People's Assembly and the succeeding North China People's Assembly.
- c. Organize manpower, resources, and financial capabilities to support the war effort.
- d. Supervise elections of members to the North China People's Assembly and all other people's assemblies on various subordinate levels.
- e. Establish political divisions and organize people's governments at various subordinate levels.
- f. Appoint and dismiss the heads of ministries, courts (yuan), offices, and commissions, and the general manager of the North China Bank and all branch bank managers and above.
- g. Draw up a budget for the North China area.
- h. Formulate policies and plans concerning increase of production, financial matters, land, citizenship, culture and education, public safety, and jurisprudence.
- i. Organize the arming of the people.
- j. Dispose of any other important matters.

Section 6

Decisions of the North China People's Government shall be promulgated in the name of the chairman and vice-chairmen.

Section 7

The functions of the chairman of the North China People's Government shall be as follows:

- a. Convene the North China People's Government Committee and preside over it.
- b. Lead, supervise, and inspect various subordinate levels of people's governments in their carrying out of the decisions of the North China Provisional People's Assembly and the succeeding North China People's Assembly, and the North China People's Government Committee.
- c. Administer the routine administrative affairs and the emergency matters of the North China People's Government. In matters that must be decided by the North China People's Government Committee, the Chairman must ask for ratification of the Committee.
- d. Represent the North China People's Government in external affairs.

Section 8

The vice-chairmen of the North China People's Government shall assist the chairman in performing his duties, and when the Chairman is prevented from performing his duties, the vice-chairmen shall perform the duties of the chairman in his place. [There is a first, second, and third vice-chairman. Presumably the line of succession would be in that order.]

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Section 9

The following ministries, commissions, courts, bank, and secretariat shall come under the supervision of the chairman: The Ministries of Civil Affairs, Education, Finance, Industry and Trade, Agriculture, State Enterprises, Communications, Health, Public Safety, and Justice; the North China Finance and Economic Commission; North China Water Conservation Commission; North China People's Court of Law; North China People's Control Court (Yuan); North China Bank; and Secretariat.

The foregoing departments of activity may, if necessary, be increased, diminished, or combined.

Section 10

Each ministry shall have a minister, and each commission shall have a chairman. The People's Control Court and the North China People's Court of Law shall each have a presiding officer. The North China Bank shall have a general manager, and the Secretariat shall have a chief secretary. These officials shall control the affairs of each ministry, commission, court, bank, and secretariat, respectively. Persons selected to head the ministries, courts, commissions, bank, and secretariat shall as a rule be concurrently members of the North China People's Government Committee; however, they shall not be limited to this committee. These officials are appointed and take office after their names have been submitted by the Chairman to the North China People's Government Committee and confirmed by the Committee. The ministries, commissions, courts, bank, or secretariat may add the position of deputy chief as required.

Section 11

The People's Control Court is an administrative investigation agency. It shall establish a People's Control Committee organized of the presiding officer of the People's Control Court and from five to nine members of the People's Control Committee appointed by the North China People's Government Committee. The duties of the People's Control Court shall be to investigate, arrest, and determine the punishment of administrative officials, judicial officials, and state enterprise personnel who violate laws or are unfaithful to duty, are corrupt and wasteful, obstruct public policy, or perform acts detrimental to the people's welfare. The Court also receives the people's accusations against the afore-mentioned officials.

Members of the People's Control Court, in pursuance of their duties, may investigate agencies concerned. These agencies shall accept their investigation and offer them the necessary material for their work.

As to decisions of the People's Control Court which are concerned with punishment: those which must be handed over to the People's Court of Law for judgment may be left with the court for disposition; those which must be handed over to administrative organs for action may, with the approval of the Chairman, be submitted to the agency concerned for disposition.

Section 12

The North China People's Court of Law is the final judicial authority in the North China region. Judgments in important cases may be reviewed by the Ministry of Justice. Approval for execution of the death penalty must be made by the Chairman and be carried out by his order.

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Section 13

Announcements by the North China People's Government and directives on policies, objectives, and important plans shall be issued in the name of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen. Heads of ministries, courts, commissions, and the North China Bank may, according to regulations, individually sign and issue instructions on those matters which cover specific administrative procedures or technical problems related to the orders or directives of the North China People's Government.

Section 14

The regulations governing the organization of the ministries, commissions, courts, and the North China Bank and Secretariat shall be determined by the North China People's Government.

Section 15

In order to solve various problems which may arise in the carrying out of the decisions of the North China Provisional People's Assembly, the North China People's Assembly, and the North China People's Government Committee, the North China People's Government shall establish a Political Conference. This conference shall be composed of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, heads of the ministries, courts, commissions, and the North China Bank and the Secretariat. The Chairman shall have the authority to make the final decision.

Section 16

Authority to amend these principles of organization shall rest with the North China People's Assembly.

Section 17

These principles of organization shall be in effect on the day they are adopted by the North China Provisional People's Assembly.

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